

REMARKS

By this amendment, a minor error in the specification is corrected; allowed claims 6 and 8 are rewritten in independent form as new claims 10 and 11 respectively; and claims 1 and 4 are amended to improve their definition of the invention and more clearly distinguish over the cited prior art.

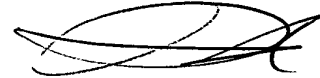
Claim 1 as herein amended requires that the retainer include a rearward circular rim portion positioned in the rear end of the bore, a forward socket portion capturing the head end of the retainer, and a plurality of circumferentially spaced axially extending ribs extending between the rearward rim portion and the forward socket portion and configured to fit flush in the concavity, and now further requires that the clip be positioned in an annular groove in the interior of the concavity and in an aligned annular groove in the retainer defined by a series of circumferentially spaced notches in the respective circumferentially spaced ribs. This specific instruction is clearly not shown nor suggested by the prior art taken singly or in any reasonable hypothetical combination.

Claim 4 now requires that the retainer include a forward portion having an arcuate cross-sectional configuration corresponding to the cross-sectional configuration of the concavity and defining a generally spherical rearwardly opening socket and further requires that the assembly further include an annular clip positioned in the concavity encircling and fixedly engaging the retainer and fixedly engaging the concavity to preclude displacement of the retainer from the concavity. This specific construction is neither shown nor suggested by the prior art.

This application is now considered to be in condition for allowance.

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